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Dear Mr. Balaji:

Pursuant to the Administrative Amendment guidelines adopted by the SANDAG Board, this letter is to notify you that SANDAG has amended the 2002 RTIP (Administrative Amendment No. 10) to reflect changes to the SR 905 project (CAL38). SANDAG requests an exemption from the Caltrans Administrative Amendment Guidelines that limit the project cost change amount to \$2 million. Based on your conversation with my staff, it is my understanding that Caltrans is willing to make an exception to the guideline by approving a \$3 million programming change. The overall cost of the project is nearly \$300 million, therefore this request is a relatively minor change.

Other changes to this project include a revision to the phase and fund type programmed amounts, neither of which changes the programmed amount of the project. The changes have been incorporated into CTIPS. At its meeting this morning, the Transportation Committee approved the programming change reflected in this Administrative Amendment. A copy of the report along with the letter from Caltrans District 11 further explaining the need for this action is attached.

If you have any changes, please contact José A. Nuncio of my staff at (619) 595-5619.

Sincerely,

GARY L. GALLEGOS
Executive Director

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Attachment

San Diego Association of Governments

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 16, 2003

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

2002 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)
ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT NO. 10 – STATE ROUTE 905

Introduction

At its meeting on June 28, 2002, the SANDAG Board adopted the 2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The 2002 RTIP is a five-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period from FY 2003 to FY 2007. Caltrans has requested an administrative amendment to the 2002 RTIP for the State Route (SR) 905 project, as discussed below.

Recommendation

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve Administrative Amendment No. 10 to the 2002 RTIP.

Discussion

Due to the current suspension on Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) allocations, there is a \$3 million shortfall for the SR 905 project (Table 1, CAL 38). There is an immediate need of funding to purchase an 85-acre parcel that would provide the primary biological mitigation necessary for the construction of the six-mile SR 905 freeway. The parcel is at imminent risk of being acquired by local developers.

Caltrans has concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) that the parcel is suitable as a conservation site to mitigate the impacts of the SR 905 project. The parcel contains many of the sensitive habitats for the state- and federally-listed species, and it offers a unique opportunity to mitigate most of the SR 905 impacts on one single parcel. The parcel has hazardous materials clearance and has a determination of no adverse effect, with conditions, from the Office of Historic Preservation.

Caltrans does not have other similar mitigation sites identified. Loss of this parcel to development would force Caltrans to re-start the mitigation process by identifying an alternate site and obtain concurrence from USFWS and CDFG. This could result in a potential delay of up to two years to begin the SR 905 construction phase.

Caltrans has met with the property owners, who are willing to sell the parcel to Caltrans. In the past, it has proven very difficult to locate appropriate mitigation sites owned by willing sellers. A willing seller is a key factor, since the California Transportation Commission will not condemn mitigation sites.

Administrative Amendment

Administrative Amendment No. 10 to the 2002 RTIP would temporarily move \$3 million in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds (RSTP) from the SANDAG RSTP Reserve to fund the immediate acquisition of this mitigation parcel. In January 2004, the \$3 million in RSTP funds would be replaced with federal Corridor and Borders Program funds, after the approval of the final environmental impact statement. At that time, the RSTP funds would be reprogrammed back to the SANDAG RSTP Reserve.

Attachment 1 is a letter from Caltrans outlining the need for this urgent action and an understanding that the \$3 million in RSTP funds would eventually be returned to SANDAG.

The 2002 RTIP allows administrative amendments for minor or technical changes to projects already included in the RTIP. This proposed change is consistent with the guidelines for administrative amendments, which normally would be processed administratively by staff. However, because of the special circumstances related to this amendment (i.e., the immediate need to purchase the parcel and the temporary programming of SANDAG Reserve funds), the Transportation Committee is being asked to approve the proposed Administrative Amendment No. 10 prior to staff action.

Table 1
2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Administrative Amendment No. 10
San Diego Region (in \$000s)

Caltrans

MPO ID: CAL38		CAPACITY STATUS: CI								
TITLE: SR-905 Few Freeway										
DESCRIPTION: I-805 to Otay Mesa Border Station - Construct 6-lane freeway (stages 2-4)										
Change Reason: Temporarily add RSTP funds to purchase mitigation site, revise phase and fund type										
FUND TYPE	TOTAL	PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PE	RW	CON
DEMO	\$40,485		\$38,858	\$1,627					\$38,858	\$1,627
CBI	\$21,368	\$14,086	\$7,282						\$21,368	
STIP-IIP	\$97,748	\$18,858		\$78,890				\$16,853	\$2,005	\$78,890
STIP-RIP	\$22,496			\$22,496						\$22,496
TCRP	\$21,000			\$21,000						\$21,000
RSTP	\$3,000		\$3,000						\$3,000	
TOTAL:	\$206,097	\$32,944	\$53,114	\$120,039				\$16,853	\$65,231	\$124,013
<i>PROJECT PRIOR TO AMENDMENT</i>										
FUND TYPE	TOTAL	PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PE	RW	CON
DEMO	\$40,485		\$29,114	\$11,371					\$29,114	\$11,371
CBI	\$21,368	\$14,086		\$7,282				\$14,086		\$7,282
STIP-IIP	\$97,748	\$18,858		\$78,890				\$16,853	\$2,005	\$78,890
STIP-RIP	\$22,496			\$22,496						\$22,496
TCRP	\$21,000		\$21,000						\$21,000	
TOTAL:	\$203,097	\$32,944	\$50,114	\$120,039				\$30,939	\$52,119	\$120,039

BTA	=	Bicycle Transportation Account
CMAQ	=	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CBI	=	Corridors and Borders Infrastructure
CDBG	=	Community Development Block Grants
DEMO	=	Demonstration
HBRR	=	Highway Bridge Repair & Replacement
IBRC	=	Innovative Bridge Research & Construction
RSTP	=	Regional Surface Transportation Program
RTP	=	Recreational Trails Program
SHOPP	=	State Highway Operation & Protection Program (for Caltrans use only)
STIP-IIP	=	State Transportation Improvement Program - Interregional Program
STIP-RIP	=	State Transportation Improvement Program - Regional Improvement Program
TCI	=	Transit Capital Improvement Program
TCRP	=	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
TCSP	=	Transportation & Community & System Preservation
TSM	=	Transportation Systems Management
TDA	=	Transportation Development Act
TDA-B	=	Transportation Development Act-Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities
TEA	=	Transportation Enhancement Activities Program
TransNet-H	=	Prop. A Local Transportation Sales Tax - Highway
TransNet-L	=	Prop. A Local Transportation Sales Tax - Local Streets & Roads
TransNet-H	=	Prop. A Local Transportation Sales Tax - Transit
Section 5307	=	Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula
Section 5309	=	Federal Transit Administration Discretionary
Section 5309 NS	=	Federal Transit Administration Discretionary - New Starts
Section 5309 R	=	Federal Transit Administration Discretionary - Rail Modernization
Section 5311	=	Federal Transit Administration Rural Program
Section 5310	=	Federal Transit Administration Elderly & Disabled Program

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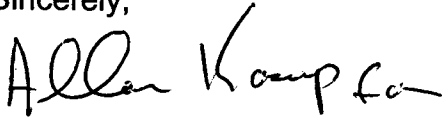
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several parcels, in different areas, on many more acres at a potentially much higher cost to the Department than what can be achieved on the single Wall-Hudson parcel. Many of the habitat types and sensitive species impacted by SR 905 are only found in a narrow band along the U.S.-Mexican border, which significantly limits the availability of viable parcels.

Attached is the RTIP table detailing the information for this project.

Should you have any question regarding this project please contact Randy Sanchez, Program Project Manager, at (619) 688-6728.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pedro Orso-Delgado", written in a cursive style.

PEDRO ORSO-DELGADO
District Director

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RSanchez

Attachment

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Project Submittal Form

LEAD AGENCY: Caltrans

Project Manager: Randy Sanchez **Phone:** 619-688-6728 **Date:** 4/3/03

Prepared by: Lena Young **email:** lena_young@dot.ca.gov

Phase	FY	Fund Type	Federal Amount	State Amount	Fund Type	Amount	Transferee	Local	Total
E	1999				STIP	4,607			4,607
E	2000				STIP	12,246			12,246
R	2001				STIP	2,005			2,005
R	2001							4,000	4,000
E	2001	BORDER	14,086						14,086
R	2003	DEMO	29,114	TCRP		21,000			50,114
C	2004				STIP	78,890			78,890
C	2004				STIP	8,481			8,481
C	2004	DEMO	25,388						25,388
C	2004	BORDER	7,282						7,282
Project Total									\$75,968
Project Total									\$127,229
Project Total									\$0
Project Total									\$4,000
Project Total									\$207,097

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R	2003	DEMO	29,114	TCRP		21,000			50,114
C	2004				STIP	78,890			78,890
C	2004				STIP	22,496			22,496
C	2004	DEMO	11,371						11,371
C	2004	BORDER	7,282						7,282
C	2004	BORDER	3,974						3,974
R	2004	RSTP	1,000						1,000
R	2003	RSTP	3,000						3,000
Project Total									\$69,927
Project Total									\$141,244
Project Total									\$0
Project Total									\$4,000
Project Total									\$215,071

(c) RTIP No.: RTIP numbers can be found in the 2000 RTIP binder. If this is a new project, state "New Project" in the RTIP No. area.

1/2) Project Title: The name of the project.

(2) Project Location: The city street name or area illustrated on popular state highway maps. *Example - In Oceanside on El Camino Real (TB map page 1086).*

(4) **Project Limit:** Stated as from one road or street to another. Other boundary landmarks, such as rivers, creeks, State Parks, freeway crossings can be used in-lieu of streets or roads. Example - Between 1st Street and Pine Boulevard; North of Arvenal Creek to South of Route 33; At Rock Creek Bridge.

(5) **Project Description:** Describe the work to be done. Include significant components of the improvement (in particular those that relate to air quality conformity).
 examples - Between lot street and 1st the boulevard, north of Route 50, a 100m green bridge, an eco of house, landscape - between lot street and 1st the boulevard, north of Route 50, a 100m green bridge.

Example - Rehabilitate roadway; convert 4-lane expressway to 6-lane freeway with 2 HOV lanes; construct left turn lane.

(6) Existing: Currently programmed funds. Include all funds programmed in the current RTP by phase, FY, and fund type.

17 Proposed: The new programming for the project. Include all funds in the 'existing' section to be carried over, plus the changes.

(8) **Miles:** Length of project. Include PMs if known.

(9) C/NCI: Indicate whether Capacity Increasing/Non-capacity Increasing. If CI, then air quality conformity analysis must be performed prior to programming.

* Prior: Include all funds received from prior years (i.e., prior to 2000 RTP) by funding source and phase. If the details are not known, include as a lump sum amount under the "Total" column.

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(1) RTIP No.:	(2) Project Title:	(3) Project Location:	(4) Project Limit:	(5) Project Description:	(6) Existing						(9) C/INCI					
					Phase	FY	Federal Fund Type	Federal Amount	State Fund Type	State Amount		Transferset	Local	Total		
	State Route 905 (Stage 2-4)	San Diego	Rte 805 to Olay Mesa Border Crossing		E	1999			STIP1	4,607					4,607	(8) Miles
					E	2000			STIP1	12,246					12,246	
					R	2001			STIP1	2,005					2,005	
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					C	2004			STIPR	8,481					8,481	
					C	2004	DEMO	25,386							25,386	
					C	2004	BORDER	7,282							7,282	(9) C/INCI
Project Total								\$75,868		\$127,229		\$0	\$4,000		\$207,097	

(7) Proposed	(6) Existing						(9) C/INCI
	Phase	FY	Federal Fund Type	Federal Amount	State Fund Type	State Amount	
Swapped DEMO and STIP-RIP from Cal 39	E	1999			STIP1	4,607	
Addition from 2003 Appropriation	E	2000			STIP1	12,246	
2001 Border funds should be in R not E	R	2001			STIP1	2,005	
Moving \$21,000 in TCRP RAW to Con.	R	2001					
Replacing with 2002 & 2003 CBI and DEMO	R	2001	BORDER	14,086			
Add \$3M in RSTP for Wall-Hudson	R	2003	DEMO	38,858			
Mitigation parcel	R	2003	BORDER	7,282			
	R	2003	BORDER	3,974			
	C	2004			STIP1	78,890	
	C	2004			STIPR	22,496	
	C	2004	DEMO	1,627			
	R	2003	RSTP	1,000			
	R	2003	RSTP	3,000			
	C	2004			TCRP	21,000	
Project Total							\$69,827
							\$141,244
							\$0
							\$4,000
							\$207,789

E=Engineering; ROW=Right-of-Way; C=Construction; V=Vehicles

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